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FARM ORGANIZATIONS PROTEST NEW WHEAT POLICY

Lengthy Debate on Wheat Policy Is Expected

PROTEST FAILURE RAISE PRICE WHEN CUT IN DELIVERIES

Farm Organizations and Leaders
Express Views on Policy
as Announced

GENERAL DISAPPOINTMENT

Effect of Plan Outlined by Robert
Gardiner — Calls Special
Session U.F.A. Executive

General disappointment and dissatisfaction with the Dominion Government's announced wheat policy has been expressed by farm organizations and farm leaders in both Western and Eastern Canada.

Protests have been made by a number of organizations. Inadequacy of the price of 70 cents per bushel, basis No. 1, Fort William, in view of heavy reduction in the volume of wheat of the 1941 crop that may be delivered, is common to all criticism offered by farm bodies.

In a preliminary statement in behalf of the United Farmers of Alberta, pending the decisions of a meeting of the Executive called by President Gardiner for Friday, it was stated that the economic policy of the Dominion Government seemed to be shaped "once more to place on the shoulders of the Western Canadian farmer a burden much heavier than that which the average citizen of other occupations is called upon to bear."

Gardiner Outlines Position

In an exclusive interview with *The Western Farm Leader*, President Gardiner stated:

"On Wednesday, March the 12th, the Hon. J. A. MacKinnon, Minister of Trade and Commerce, outlined in the House of Commons the Dominion Government's policy in regard to the marketing of wheat. The main proposals are as follows:

"(a) To limit the delivery of wheat either to the Wheat Board, on the open market or otherwise, for the crop year 1941-42, to 230 million bushels.

"(b) To guarantee an initial payment of 70 cents per bushel, basis one Northern, F.O.B. Fort William.

"(c) To continue to pay storage to producers on the same basis as 1940-41 but only on the undelivered portion of the 230 million bushels.

"(d) No change in the processing tax.

"Provision is made for compensation to those who voluntarily reduce their wheat acreage. This part of the Government's policy is administered by the Department of Agriculture under the Minister, the Hon. Jas. G. Gardiner.

"This part of the policy is as follows:

What Farmer Must Do

"It is the intention to make payment of certain sums per acre on all

As Fascist African Empire Crumbles



Advancing by several routes from the north, west and south and south-east, British and Allied armies are rapidly closing in on Mussolini's East African garrisons. The heavy black lines on the map show the position a few days ago, before the armies from the southeast forced an Italian retreat beyond Jijiga, threatening the railway line at Harar which connects with the only line to the coast—the Djibouti railway. Berbera has since been recaptured by another brilliant combined land, sea and air operation. Keren, north of Asmara, Eritrean capital, is reported under vigorous assault as we go to press, after the capture by our forces of heights dominating the town.

reductions made in wheat sowings in the Prairie Provinces in 1941 as compared with 1940, provided the farmer does certain specified things with the land.

"1. If he summerfallows the reduced wheat acreage or part of it, the Government will pay him \$4 an acre for the reduced wheat acreage which is black by July 1st, 1941; payments to be made as soon as possible after July 1st, 1941.

"2. If he sows the reduced wheat acreage or part of it to coarse grains in the spring or in the case of rye, in the fall of 1941, on lands not summerfallowed, the Government will pay him \$2 an acre in 1941 as soon as possible after proof of sowing is established.

"3. If he sows the reduced wheat acreage, or part of it, to grass or clover during 1941, provided the land has not also been sown to coarse grain or summerfallowed, the Government will pay him \$2 an acre as soon as possible after proof of sowing has been established, and an additional \$2 an acre if the same land is still seeded down to grass on July 1st, 1942.

"4. If he sows reduced wheat acreage or part of it which is also sown to coarse grain, or which is summerfallowed in 1941, to grass or clover or to rye in 1941, the Government

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DISCUSSION MAY LAST TWO WEEKS IN OTTAWA HOUSE

Strong Differences of Opinion on
Dominion Wheat Policy
Will Be Expressed

WAR EFFORT SCRUTINIZED

Roosevelt Speech Cheers Parlia-
ment—Redoubled Effort Needed
by Countries at War

By M. McDougall

(Special to *The Western Farm Leader*)

OTTAWA, March 19th.—The House of Commons is certain to hear a wide variety of opinion on the recently enunciated policy on wheat when it comes up for debate. This is readily forecast on what is heard in the lobbies. The debate may last, it is believed, for a fortnight, and during that time speakers will express the full range of opinion from the belief that too little is being done for the Western farmer to the stand that they are being too favorably treated in comparison with Eastern farmers.

No Appreciable Change Expected

There is little likelihood that when the legislation is brought down there will be any appreciable change from the policy given by the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

(Details of policy outlined by President Robt. Gardiner of U.F.A. on this page—Editor.)

But aside from the disappointment which will be expressed by a number of Western members, supported by petitions of wheat organizations, there will be complaints from Eastern farmers that not enough consideration is being given to them on butter, cheese and bacon production. There seems to be some uncertainty about how the bonus system is going to work out in practise, but there is a fairly general impression that the net result of the new policy will be a reduction in the wheat acreage of from 8 to 9 million bushels which will bring the acreage sown to approximately 65 per cent of the 1940 area.

What observers see in the new plan is that it is primarily a war measure, that it is designed to meet an emergency, in which the salient feature is that by July 31st next, the end of the crop year, the carryover will be about 575 million bushels and that the Government will be under an obligation for the guarantee of the wheat and storage and carrying costs of nearly 500 million dollars. Whether the measure will also mean in the long run the growth of a more balanced economy in the Prairie Provinces is another matter—which the future will decide.

The main measures of this session, in addition to the wheat policy, are the war appropriation bill, still being debated, the budget which is not being brought down as soon as ex-

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World's Biggest Power Generator—Coulee Dam Will Start Saturday

WASHINGTON, March 19th.—Adding vast new resources for use in the United States program of rearmament and of aid to Britain, the greatest power generator in the world—the Grand Coulee Dam, will begin operation on March 22nd. It will start with two generators of 108,000 kilowatts each. It comes into operation at a time when aluminum, which requires electric power for its processing, is greatly needed for aeroplane construction. The dam, in the Pacific Northwest, harnesses the waters of the Columbia river, and it is one of the triumphs of the New Deal. It comes into use just when it is wanted most. Next year two more generators will be added to the operating plant, and two more the following year.

OTTAWA, Mar. 19th.—Revised regulations dealing with compulsory military training, tabled in the House of Commons yesterday, make single men and widowers without children, between the ages of 21 and 45, liable to call.

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U.S. Oil Shipments to Japan Show Big Increase

Oil shipments from the U.S. to Japan have been running about 50 per cent more than a year ago, said the New York Times recently. Many American tankers are said to have been "transferred" to the flag of Panama, to evade the Neutrality Act, in order to share in this profitable trade; the Japanese are paying as much as four times the regular freight rate.

THE LESSON IS BEING LEARNED

Agriculture today is suffering from the lack of solidarity.

Because many farmers have not seen fit to stick with each other and support farm organizations, the industry lacks power and influence with those who control Canada's destiny.

Eventually farmers must come to the realization that most of their economic troubles are due to the cause mentioned.

ALBERTA WHEAT POOL

The War and the Canadian Farmer

An Answer to the Unfair Criticism Today Being Directed
Against Those Who Till the Soil

Below we conclude from our last issue the address given by E. D. Brunsden, Secretary of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, before the annual meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in Toronto.

While we prepare for this time of the release of foodstuffs to Europe, it remains that the usual markets for many of the products produced on our farms have been narrowed by this war. The prices received by the farmer for these commodities have fallen. In our exports of other farm products the volumes of our shipments overseas have been increased, but the prices for these have been keyed to a reduced British spending power for foodstuffs, and this also has been a factor in reducing Canadian net farm incomes.

It is a paradox that while the prices he receives for his commodities are falling, the prices the farmer is asked to pay for the goods he must buy to operate his farm have risen—some of them sharply. The farmer insists that if he is to continue in business, some means must be found of establishing a reasonable degree of relationship between the values he receives for what he has to sell, and the prices of the goods he is forced

to buy. Concerning this situation Charles Dickens put some words into the mouth of one of his favorite characters, Mr. Micawber. Times have not changed since Mr. Micawber's day; there can be no contentment in an individual or a community if "outgo" persistently exceeds "income", and contentment is one of the requirements of war-tuned Canada.

Domestic Consumer Must Help

Because the war has given increased wages and incomes to many, the farmer maintains that the home consumer of food-stuffs should not wish to capitalize on the low prices prevailing in agriculture. It is another paradox that Canadian prices for farm products are nearly always aligned with those prevailing outside the country. The domestic consumer must be asked to help take up some of the "slack" in the farmer's price problem by purchasing his commodities at levels in line with those of the enhanced spending power.

The story of the development of Canadian policies for agriculture is that such policies are only determined when the stress of the related events allows no escape. And even then, the policies evolved have been insular in character; they have possessed no concession to the necessity for the interlocking in a practical way, of the various departments of the farm.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture insists there should early be created a forward-looking national farm policy embracing the business as a whole and co-ordinating its component types of production on an all-Canadian basis. There is small comfort in the treatment of a patient for a minor ailment, when that patient is in torment through the ravage of a fearsome disease.

Should Be Partnership

The Federation submits that by reason of the long-term and collective experience within its ranks and the crystallization of farmer opinion it is capable of achieving, it should be invited into partnership with the elected representatives of the Canadian people and the leaders of their choosing, in the creating of this national policy for agriculture.

The Federation of Agriculture deplores and brands as vicious the philosophy expressing itself in the adage "the creaking wheel gets the grease." It deplores further the organization and activities of highly powered "pressure groups". In time of war the existence and actions of such groups are held to be despicable. The farmers are content to advance their case on the basis of its record—the part agricultural settlement has played in the building of the nation; the assistance rendered on Canadian farms to Britain and her Allies in the winning of the 1914-1918 war; the part now to be taken by our producers in the determination of the new peace.

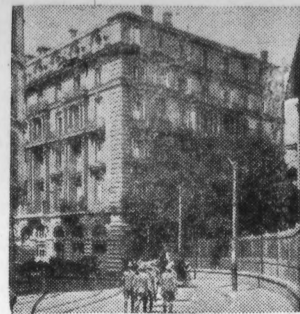
Amid the clamor of the day for skilled hands wherewith to tool through machines the implements and the accompaniments of war, the Federation of Agriculture urges upon the Government and the Canadian people, the need for the retention on our farms of artisans capable of agricultural production.

Conserve for Post-War Period

Along with the need for continued production of farm commodities now, it urges too, a consideration of the enhanced position the farm must assume in the post-war period. The farmstead—the land that goes to make the farm—must be conserved for the generations to follow our own, and for the Canada of these succeeding generations.

It is axiomatic of Democracy in action that the governed shall themselves govern. In this period of stress, and afterwards, some controls with

Where Attempt Was Made
to Assassinate Envoy



This is the Pera Palace hotel in Istanbul, where two huge time bombs exploded in an apparent attempt to assassinate George W. Rendel, who has been recalled from his post as British minister to Bulgaria. Rendel escaped injury, though three Turks were killed and several members of the British party were injured, one fatally.

respect to the volumes of the marketings of specific farm products may be necessary. With respect to these controls the Canadian Federation reiterates and emphasizes the opinion that wherever possible they be self-imposed by the agricultural fraternity through the decisions of representatives of its own choice.

The Federation records the opinion that the investment, the hazards and the life work involved in the production of farm products fully justifies an interest on the part of the producer in the transporting and assembling for sale of his products. The producer of farm commodities, particularly with respect to that share of his products consumed at home, for his own protection and that of the consumer, has an unchallengeable right to a reasonable degree of control over those who do his marketing.

Farmers, in their thousands, have long given of their best thought and have contributed financially toward collective determination and expression through the media of local and provincial organizations. More recently they have gained by the consolidation of their opinions and the further clarifying of their expressions through the national organization. Fully one-half of Canada's 700,000 farm operators now declare themselves through

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Farmers Asked to Contribute Wheat in War Services Cam- paign—Method Outlined

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Salvation Army.
Knights of Columbus.
Y.M.C.A.
Y.W.C.A.
I.O.D.E.

Services Provided

In the hours when the men are off duty these organizations provide various services. They provide huts where the men can frolic, write letters on stationery provided for them, join in singings and entertainments, attach themselves to educational groups, consult with trained leaders on personal problems, and enter an environment calculated to banish homesickness and raise their morale.

These services are considered by the military authorities to be absolutely essential. In order to perpetuate them a drive is being conducted in

the Federation of Agriculture. This representative voice should engage the attention of all of the people; it may well become of substantial value to our governments.

Bound Up With Canada's Welfare

The farmers ask that their spokesmen be recognized, heard and respected; that their organizations, national, provincial and local, created by themselves, be re-appraised. They urge that the strengthening of these organizations be not impeded but encouraged and that these associations of our tillers of the soil be not considered solely as "commercial" or "economic" groups, for the one ideal that initiated all of them is far deeper than either of these descriptions. They ask that their organizations be interpreted by the public from the viewpoint of their common objective, the welfare of Canada, the improvement of farming and the development of the farmer and his family.

There is no trace of despair in the character of our farmers, even though at this time they be, as we have said, a type of war refugee. They possess within themselves the main requirements for their own complete recovery and they know that in the next phase of Canadian history they will still be required to assume their full part in our country's progress. The farmers of Canada seek no preferences. Not one of their requests is incompatible with the development of the national life as we all desire it. They want only consideration and fairness, but they ask these—NOW.

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British Housewives Keep "Iron Rations" in Store Against Bombers' Visits

Hints to housewives, contained in the bulletins issued by the Co-operative Union News Service (British) take on a grim note sometimes in these days of the Battle of Britain. Civilians as well as the army must be prepared for invasion, housewives are reminded, when people may not be able to reach the shops, or supplies may not reach the stores. For such emergencies every household should have its "iron rations" of canned foods; a good supply of flour, rice and oatmeal; and, the bulletin concludes, "don't forget to store water."

Canada to raise 5-1/2 million dollars. Alberta's share is \$240,000, half of which will be collected in the northern section of the province and half in the south. The motto of the drive is "We cannot let our own boys down."

This is a joint undertaking sponsored by the Federal Government under strict regulation and careful budgeting.

Ask Farmers for Wheat

Appreciating the fact that cash is somewhat of a scarce article under present conditions on Alberta farms, the Provincial organization is asking the farmers for contributions of wheat. Arrangements have been made with the Wheat Board to accept such contributions in excess of the quota of each farmer and without having the same entered in the farmer's permit book.

It is desirable that local organizations should look after the collections of wheat, making arrangements to have trucks go from farm to farm collecting individual contributions. In any case, where a farmer has not been contacted it is suggested that he take his contribution personally to the elevator and inform the agent that the returns from the wheat are to go to the Canadian War Services Fund. A cash ticket will be made out in the name of the organization and should be handed to the local committee or sent to the Canadian War Services Fund in Calgary or Edmonton, as the case may be.

Rationing in Britain and Germany Compared

With the introductory warning that it is extremely difficult to make an exact comparison of food rationing in Germany and in the United Kingdom, a study in the latest issue of *Foreign Agriculture* states that in addition to fats, meat and sugar, (rationed in both countries), in Germany bread, milk and cheese are also rationed—milk being available only to children and nursing or expectant mothers. Food consumption in the United Kingdom, moreover, was well up to normal standards until well on in 1940, whereas in Germany supplies of fats, meat, eggs and fruits have been limited for several years. On the other hand, it is stated that food prices have not risen so much in Germany as in Britain.

Cut Fat Rations in Italy

Effective March 1st, rations of edible fats and oils were reduced in Italy to 14 ounces per person per month—just half the former ration. A new order maintains the same ration of flour and similar products—4.4 pounds per month—but restricts the choice of the individual.

HYDRO HAS GOOD YEAR

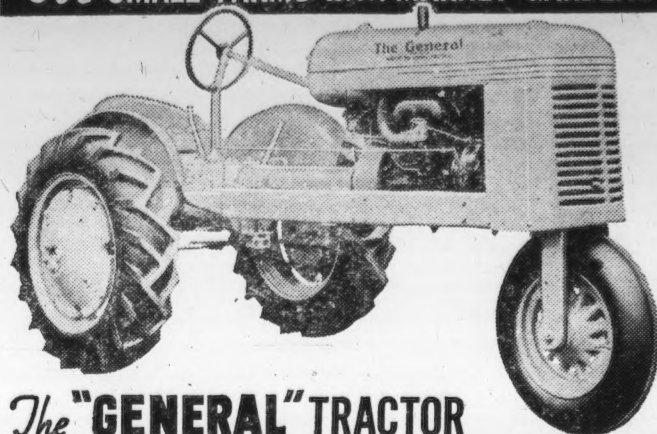
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WHEAT POLICY

The wheat policy announced by the Dominion Government is most disappointing to the farm people. As interviews published in this issue make clear, it falls far short in the judgment of those who are entitled to speak for agriculture, of meeting the situation with which the most depressed of all Canada's important industries is confronted.

In Great Britain, the governmental authorities, when introducing any important new war policy, collaborate with the sections of the community which are affected by administrative or legislative action. In Canada, the representatives of organized agriculture should have been asked to collaborate in the formulation of the wheat policy. This has not been done. It is not too late, however. We trust that without delay the Government will call the representatives of agriculture into consultation, postponing action until such consultation has taken place.

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WAR SERVICES CAMPAIGN

The War Services Campaign outlined in this issue provides means by which the farm people of Canada may make a most important contribution to Canada's war effort. The voluntary war organizations are giving magnificent service to the men in all the armed forces of the Dominion. The work they are doing, both at home and overseas, is absolutely indispensable. We ask our readers to study the plan, and then make up their minds as to what contribution they can give to help those who are today the defenders of the liberties of us all.

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TIME TO WAKE UP

It is reported that H. R. MacMillan, chairman of the Wartime Requirements Board for Canada, recently declared:

"If Canada performed the same task (as Britain) on a per capita basis, she would have 600,000 men in uniform and 1,400,000 men on war production, with war expenditures amounting to \$12,000,000 daily. We are not doing that because we haven't had our backs to the wall, as Britons have had."

That is a very serious indictment, by one of the chief directors of Canada's war effort, who speaks with the

authority which springs from expert knowledge and experience.

The people of Canada are not as yet awakened to a realization of the needs of total war. They have been told a good deal about what Canada is doing; and because many of the figures which have been made public are in fact impressive, there has been a tendency in some quarters to think that the Dominion is bearing not much less than a fair share of the burden of the war. Mr. MacMillan's statement must shatter that impression.

We do not doubt that the small group of overworked Ministers whose special task it is to administer the departments most concerned with our activities in the war, are giving of their best, nor that that best is in several cases very good indeed. Much of the badgering to which they have been subjected has been pointless and irritating; though there are a few members in the ranks of opposition groups who have offered needed criticism which is constructive and should be helpful. On the whole, however, we can forgive the Ministers for an occasional loss of patience.

But if the Canadian people and their representatives in Parliament realized what is at stake—and in this conflict everything of value is at stake—there would be less pettifogging criticism. Instead there would be an overwhelmingly powerful demand for a speeding up in every field of war activity.

What the British people can do, we can do if we have the will to do it. Upon the engendering of the will to total effort may depend our survival as a free people.

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Mr. MacMillan had other significant things to say. This for instance:

"We might as well realize that the old order is gone, that the new conditions are already here. No man owns his property or his job. All are at the service of the state. Labor must see that it cannot retain or extend its social gains except by the fruits of increased production—by an earned victory. The same applies to the property owner and the capitalist. There should be no such thing as protecting any one locality, any one Province, any class against the results of this war, even if our Allies win an early, clear-cut victory."

With that statement of Mr. MacMillan's we are in general agreement. But we do not think it is quite complete. We should like to add that, if Canada is to

EMBATTLED ISLAND

From every headland of the sea-girt island,
From every tower, from every bay and
bight,

The eyes of Britain peer into the darkness
To meet—and match—the foeman's
boasted might!

The ghosts of warriors who wrought
Britain's glory

Stalk through the night—unsleeping,
unafraid;

From shop and street their sons in anger
muster—

A wall of steel around their isle
arrayed!

From sweet green hills, from hamlets
deeply hidden,

The eyes of Britain search the lowering
sky—

The ancient valor in each bosom burning,
Proud of its birthright—not afraid to
die!

And on the outposts of the empire high-
ways

Britons stand guard at all the ocean
gates—

Gibraltar, Aden, Malta—each granite
rampart

In stern and silent menace, bravely
waits!

The sea's strong arms enfold this island
fortress,

Its deep bed strewn with wrecks of
other foes!

And every lashing wave shouts loud the
challenge:

"The bones of each invader shall lie
low with those."

O, stormy headlands of embattled Britain,
O, smiling hamlets in her peaceful
vales;

O, brave hearts waiting for the savage
onset,

Strike, fiercely as your own uncon-
quered gales!

Each dawning comes a ship from far
horizons

Bearing your sons, in haste to share
your zest!

These sons have looked into bright eyes
of danger

And will hurl back the foe at your
behest!

So, take new courage you who are em-
battled!

We live—or die—beside you in this
hour;

From every throbbing pulse of earth and
ocean

Your very soul drinks deep its con-
quering power!

BERT HUFFMAN

Delburne, Alta.

attain to maximum efficiency as a factor in the war, no great primary industry can be allowed to languish. And, as Ernest Bevin, J. B. Priestley, and others have insisted in behalf of their British countrymen, the removal of unwarranted grave inequalities in our own country must itself be recognized as a part of the means to Victory itself.

To paraphrase the words which we quoted in our last issue from an influential British publication:

"Our plan for a New Canada is not something outside the war, or something after the war. It is an essential part of our war aims. The New Canada is the country we are fighting for."

United States Wheat Exports Remain Small

United States wheat exports, including flour as grain, during July-January 1940-41 totalled 22,279,000 bushels as compared with 35,817,000 bushels and 61,946,000 bushels, respectively, in the corresponding months of 1939-40 and 1938-39, states *Foreign Crops and Markets* issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Very Heavy Decline

The greater part of the wheat shipped by the United States this season has been in the form of flour, about 16 million bushels, of which 12 million bushels represented flour made wholly of United States wheat. Exports of wheat as grain have amounted to slightly less than 6 million bushels; in July-January 1938-39 they constituted 75.6 per cent of the total exported, or nearly 47 million bushels. In the comparable period of 1939-40, exports of wheat as grain had fallen off and totalled less than 16 million bushels, but they still represented nearly half of the total wheat and flour exported by the United States.

3.5 Million to British Isles

Of the wheat exported from the United States during July-January, about 3.5 million bushels were destined for the British Isles this season as compared with 3.1 and 19.2 million bushels, respectively, in 1939-40 and 1938-39. Less than 1 million bushels have gone to other European markets; the total for all Europe was less than 5 million bushels as compared with 18 million in the corresponding period of 1939-40 and 44 million bushels in July-January 1938-39.

Exports to the Latin American countries have also been somewhat

Subscribe for Members

Stavely U.F.A. Local has sent in subscriptions to The Western Farm Leader for 21 members. W. Freeland Wilford, secretary, announces that there will be other subscriptions to follow. This is one of a number of Locals which are subscribing for their members.

reduced, but amounted to almost 6 million bushels as against about 7 million during July-January of the two previous seasons. The only markets to which larger quantities of United States wheat have been sent this year are found in China, Manchuria, and Japan, and these came under the Government subsidy program, which until October 8th, 1940, covered such exports from the Pacific Coast ports.

Prior to the outbreak of the present war, European markets took at least two-thirds of the wheat exported by the United States. This season, such exports have accounted for only 20 per cent of the total. Shipments to the Latin American markets have represented nearly 27 per cent as against 20 per cent in July-January of last season and 12 per cent in the corresponding period of 1938-39. The Orient's percentage share of the total is more than 33 per cent this year as against 11 and 5 per cent, respectively, in July-January of 1939-40 and 1938-39.

CJCJ — The Progressive Station of the West

A lot of interest, amusement and a five dollar prize, all added to the afternoon request program over CJCJ at 4 o'clock, has created a big mail pull and some most interesting art disclosures. Listeners were asked to send in their idea of a Doodlebug, "Two Little Doodlebugs" being the theme song of the program; and originality and imagination has run riot. The program is directed by Uncle Jim, and the art work is all tacked up behind his desk so that any visiting listeners can see the kind of competition they are evolving. A prize of five dollars is to be awarded at the end of the month to the most original conception of what a doodle bug ought to be.

Another daily program creating an immense amount of interest and replies is the Puzzle Club at 6:30 each week day evening. On this program the listeners are asked some simple homely question, such as for instance, "How many nails are there in five pounds of blue shingle nails?" and supported by a sponsor a five dollar prize is awarded daily to the nearest or the correct guess. The listeners are allowed one week in each contest to get their answers to CJCJ, and the management's award is final.

OTTAWA LETTER

(Continued from page 1)

pected, the estimates of ordinary expenses of the Government, and possibly the St. Lawrence Waterway agreement.

(The agreement was signed Wednesday in Washington and Ottawa. Ratification by Congress and Parliament is necessary.—Editor.)

Call to Redoubled Effort

A much more cheerful spirit is in evidence in Parliament since the passage of the Lend Lease Bill, and the unequivocal declaration of the President of the United States that he intends to help Britain and the other democracies to the utmost of his country's capacity. But here, as in Britain, this encouraging attitude of the great republic is considered as a call to redoubled efforts on the part of the countries at war. With the increased pressure of the submarine campaign, Parliament is urging that Canada's work in the production of ships should be geared to the highest possible pitch.

The Minister of Munitions and Supply, Mr. Howe, has told the House that his Department is encouraging

THE NEW WHEAT SITUATION

Every farmer will be studying details of the new government wheat policy to see what changes in his seeding programme can be most suitably made.

One thing remains unaltered. To the extent that customers of United Grain Growers Limited are able to deliver wheat, they will want to continue doing business with this farmers' Company.

They will also want to be sure that all 1940 wheat is disposed of before new quotas begin to be effective for 1941 wheat. The company is building extensive temporary storage at the head of the lakes in order to make that possible.

Let your U.G.G. elevator agent know just what old wheat you have left and when you expect to deliver it. That will help him plan for your accommodation.

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You have listened to our hockey broadcasts during the long winter nights. Through the medium of the radio, we have tried to show you good hockey.

Now may we show you good lumber?

We invite you to our yards to inspect our stock. We also invite you to compare our prices with your local yard's.

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Important Notice to All U.F.A., U.F.W.A. and Junior Locals

Problems of Agriculture are today so urgent that effective organization of the farm people is vitally important.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF OUR ORGANIZATION!

You should endeavor to canvass all farmers in your neighborhood, asking them to join the Association.

Conditions are such that at any moment it may be imperative for a strong, united farm movement to rally in support of the policies we need for the protection and improvement of our industry.

UNITED FARMERS OF ALBERTA



Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section



Message from the President of Southern Alberta Dairy Pool...

It was courteously suggested that I should write a short note for the C.A.D.P. page in *The Western Farm Leader*. It was a fine co-operative gesture—the executive officer of one organization granting the chairman of another organization in the same field the freedom of their publicity medium.

Fine Spirit Prompted Courtesy

I appreciate the spirit which prompted the courtesy—in the same spirit I gratefully accept the opportunity, hoping it may lead to closer co-operation between the various co-operative dairy units within the Province.

Why we are not one great big co-operative dairy at this date is still a mystery to me. From small seeds great trees grow. Who knows, perhaps from some such small beginning as this the solution may be found which will eventually lead to the fuller realization of the Co-operative Ideal within the dairy industry in the Province of Alberta?

Accomplishment to Be Proud Of

I was very pleased to learn that the Central Alberta Dairy Pool was in the happy position of being able to pay the second largest dividend in its history. Such an accomplishment is a record any organization may well be proud of. I trust the success of the past year is the forerunner of many such.

The co-operative ideals are gradually assuming their rightful place. The greatest leaders in the world today are all stressing the need for co-operation and more co-operation as being a partial solution for our economic difficulties.

Three Hills.

How far the co-operative ideals will go in the solution of world problems remains to be seen. At the present moment co-operation is definitely helping to solve the war problems of the people of Great Britain. Nowhere has been so forcibly demonstrated what can be accomplished by the application of the co-operative ideals and principles to the problems of every day life. I hope the lessons now being learned by the people of Great Britain under the stress of war will not be forgotten when the day of victory dawns.

On behalf of my fellow directors and the members of the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool I extend to the Central Alberta Dairy Pool our thanks for the chance to co-operate with you and we hope the year 1941 will be another successful one for the C.A.D.P.

Yours fraternally,
WILLIAM BURNS,
President, Southern Alberta Dairy Pool.

EGGS

This year we are proposing to handle a larger amount of eggs.

The ideal way to handle eggs is direct from Producer to Egg Candling Plant.

Your Pool has one at each of its branches.

Arrange now to ship regularly to

CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL

ALIX

Plants at
BOWDEN

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Producers operating their own Creameries and Condensery

Care of Your Cream or Milk...

By The Management

In the ordinary fall and winter seasons there is a big temptation for producers to be less careful in the handling and the caring for milk and cream which goes to our various factories, and inevitably when the warm weather comes, sometimes unexpectedly, this lack of thoroughness on our part immediately shows up.

In our Condensery operation, the keeping quality of the milk as indicated by a methylene blue test is not nearly so good. In our cream, the odd can which should ordinarily grade Special will go down to No. 1 and in the odd case even a grade lower. Likewise, the grades on the butter will not be nearly as good.

This situation was very pertinently brought to our minds during the warm spell which we experienced, especially in the month of February, and we are taking this opportunity of bringing it to your attention as, on account of the season, we are going to have warm weather again quite soon.

Your butter factories are capable

of making an excellent product but it is impossible for them to have a finished product which is any better than what they receive from its members and shippers. In 1940, your Alix, as well as Bowden, branch made more than 95 per cent No. 1 butter and this is quite possible again in 1941, provided that the proper care is given your milk and cream on the farm before it is delivered to our plants.

We realize that it is not your intention to produce anything but the best, and we are sure that with this reminder you will continue to institute the proper amount of care that every can of cream or milk we receive will be the best quality possible.

Conditioning Dairy Cows for Calving

The milk production of dairy cows and heifers, particularly during the first part of the lactation period, depends to quite a large extent on having them in good thrifty condition at calving time. They need not be really fat, for the laying on of excessive fat is a costly business. They should, however, be in good flesh and on a rising rather than a receding plane of nutrition, says George W. Muir, Dominion Animal Husbandman, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

Has Many Advantages

A cow in good condition at calving has many advantages over the cow in very thin condition. In the first place she has a better chance to withstand the hazards of calving; secondly, she will usually produce a larger, stronger calf and lastly, she will have stored up in her body a reserve of fat, minerals, and vitamins that will have a decidedly beneficial effect on her subsequent milk production.

This beneficial effect will be manifested in two ways; first, in increased and prolonged milk production, due to the fact that the cow, being in good condition, uses less of her ration for maintenance and more for milk production; secondly, the good condition of the cow will have a tendency to increase the fat percentage in the milk a little for the first month or two.

A dairy cow should have a "dry" or rest period of approximately eight weeks. A cow that has been liberally fed in the previous lactation will not require so much special feeding while dry. A thin cow, however, should receive special attention. As soon as she is properly dried up, commence feeding a good roughage ration of legume hay, and silage if available. This should be supplemented by from three to eight pounds daily of a good grain mixture such as oats and barley plus a little bran and oilcake meal.

Gradually reduce this ration as the cow nears calving, especially the

barley portion, replacing same with more oats and bran until after calving. Access to direct sunlight in the yard during the dry period will aid in the assimilation of the nutrients, particularly the minerals consumed.

Preparation for calving in this way, together with liberal feeding after calving until pasture is available, will ensure maximum production later on pasture when production is most economical. Such maximum production will, in turn, aid in producing the increase in cheese and condensed milk required to fulfil our agreements with Great Britain this year.

NOTICE OF DATE

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of our DAIRY POOL will be held in LEGION HALL, ALIX

10:00 a.m., Tuesday,
June 17, 1941

Business Morning and Afternoon
Dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m.

YOU ARE WELCOME
COME EARLY

CENTRAL ALBERTA
DAIRY POOL

by order of
THE BOARD

C.A.D.P. SECTION

Our Egg Department

During the last three years, your Central Alberta Dairy Pool has been handling for members' account an increased quantity of eggs, and out of our operations in 1940 your Directors declared a final payment on them of 1c per dozen. This final payment will reach you very shortly.

No doubt such action of your Board could indicate several things, and one of them undoubtedly is that, as the handling of eggs for your account has been done at a profit, then those supplying the eggs are entitled to some return, provided, of course, adequate working capital for this department is left in the business.

To Expand Business of Department

It no doubt also indicates to you that our Pool, being a producers' co-operative, and being anxious to serve its membership in as many ways as possible, has decided in the interests of its membership to further expand the business in this department.

By the time this paper reaches you, we will be nicely into the spring production of eggs, and we suggest that this year, if you have not done it before, that you give our Branches your eggs as they are produced. This year, we are making additional arrangements for the proper transportation of your eggs to our grading plants, either at *Alta, Bowden or Red Deer*, and we are advised by the Government that if they are properly cared for on the farm that they will reach our plants in good condition.

We also have available at our branches a supply of 12, 15 and 30 dozen new shippers' egg cases, which are fitted with Keye's trays. The Egg and Poultry Division of the Government has suggested that this new type of tray be substituted for the old filler and flat, and we are accordingly only stocking the Keye's trays for shippers' account this present year.

Can Get Tray From Branches

If you are not, at the present time, using an egg case that is fitted for the Keye's trays, we would suggest that you ask for one from one of our branches. The Keye's tray is a much improved way of holding the eggs in the case over the old filler and flat system and the cost of same is quite normal. The trays will sell for not more than 2c each and each tray holds 2-1/2 dozen. For a 15 dozen case, the cost of the Keye's trays complete would be 24c.

We would suggest that you equip yourself with these and a new case as well unless the Keye's trays will properly fit into your old one.

We would like to also suggest again that your eggs as they are produced go regularly to market and in that way your return should be the maximum possible under the present system of egg handling.

—Management,
Central Alberta Dairy Pool.

NOTICE OF MEETING

ASKER HALL

approximately 12 miles east of Ponoka

A meeting has been called by the Director in this district, Mr. F. Meriam, for the evening of APRIL 1st, to be held in the above hall. The meeting will commence at 8:00 p.m. and all members and other interested producers are invited to attend.

Representatives of the Board and Management will be present.

● PLEASE ADVISE YOUR
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TO GROW PLENTY OF SUITABLE FEED FOR THE DAIRY HERD NEXT WINTER!

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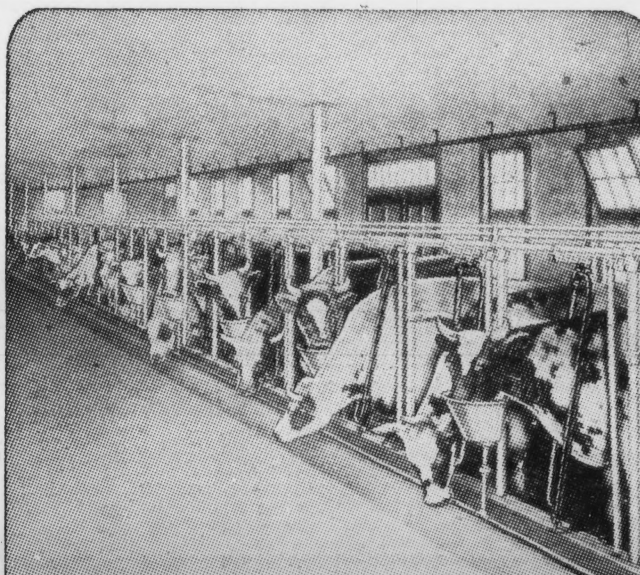
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FEED HOME GROWN CROPS

FARMERS can contribute this year to Canada's War Effort by increasing dairy production. Every Dairy Farmer should plan to produce the feed he will need next winter — home grown feeds cut down the cost of producing milk.

CROP ROTATION—Careful planning will provide for ensilage and roots, coarse grains such as oats or barley and legume hay.

GOOD SEED—Seed free from disease and impurities and of recommended varieties is vital to efficient crop production. *It pays to sow good seed.*

TIMELY TILLAGE—A good seed bed is important; weed control is essential; seeding should be done at the proper date, rate and depth.

MAINTAIN FERTILITY—Manure is highly perishable. Conserve and use it for building up soil fertility. Commercial fertilizers may be used to supplement manure.

HARVESTING—Cut hay early to improve quality and to increase aftermath. If weather conditions prevent making good hay, clover or alfalfa may be satisfactorily ensiled.

*For further information apply to your nearest
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Among bills introduced into the Provincial Legislature last week on debts, is one entitled the Debt Proceedings Suspension Act, which would, on proclamation by Order-in-Council, put a moratorium into effect, on some classes of debts. A modified moratorium would also be the effect of the Orderly Payment of Land Debts Act.

Estimating revenues of \$20,662,584 and expenses of \$20,651,314, the Provincial Budget was presented to the Legislature last week by Hon. Solon E. Low. There will be no changes in present taxation.

Mar. 6th.—British and free Norwegians make surprise raid on Lofoten Islands, sink 11 Nazi vessels, take 225 prisoners, destroy glycerine plant. Tanks, planes, supplies, follow Nazi troops into Bulgaria. Only 525 British killed in entire African campaign. Nazi planes definitely destroyed during war (except in Mediterranean area) total 5,346, British 854.

Mar. 7th.—Five Italian vessels, totalling 28,153 tons, taken in the capture of Chisimaio, Italian Somaliland, five scuttled, one driven ashore. Sinking of Italian tanker, 6,861 tons, during shelling of Mogadiscio, and destruction of sixteen enemy planes during attack on Malta last week, announced. Nazi supply ship sunk by R.A.F. during raid on Netherlands coast. British destroyer *Dainty* lost. Nazi troops massed on Turkish and Greek frontiers; Turkish newspapers warn against accepting Nazi assurances. Mines laid by R.A.F. and fleet air arm virtually close Kiel canal. Nazis fine Norwegians on Lofoten Islands, burn property of those aiding British. Nazi bomber shot down in raid on British convoy in North Sea.

Mar. 8th.—Nazis reported in key positions in Italian forces; over 100 Nazi officers in French Morocco according to Madrid report. Heavy raid reported over London, three Nazi bombers brought down over East Coast. 789 civilians killed in air raids on Britain in February, official announcement. Bevin says British industrial production increasing steadily. Admiralty states 480 warships to be completed in fiscal year now closing. Mussolini again changes Albanian command. U.S. Senate passes lease-lend bill, 60 to 31.

Mar. 9th.—Heaviest air raids since New Year over Britain. New Zealand cruiser sinks Italian raider, masquerading as British vessel in Indian Ocean. Britain refuses Hoover's proposal for soup kitchens in Belgium, says admission foodstuffs into German-held territory "false humanitarianism."

Mar. 10th.—Yugoslavia must join Axis, not merely sign non-aggression pact, say Nazis, according to Belgrade report. U.S.S.R. concentrates troops in Caucasus. Darlan says Vichy will convoy food ships past blockade.

WAR DIARY

Bevin places shipyards labor under control of Admiralty. Admiralty announce sinking Italian submarine *Anfritre*; Italian cruiser almost certainly sunk.

Mar. 11th.—Roosevelt signs lease-lend bill, immediately after final passage through Congress; to ask \$7,000,000,000 tomorrow for aid to democracies. Sinclair says R.A.F. in last ten months has destroyed 4,250 German aircraft, 1,100 Italian, British losses fewer than 1,800. Thailand and French Indo-China sign Japanese peace. Hohenzollern bridge at Cologne damaged, fires started in city, docks bombed at Boulogne, Cherbourg, Brest, in R.A.F. raids; three planes fail to return. Portsmouth subjected to heavy air attack, seven enemy planes downed. Greeks take 2,500 Italian prisoners. Heaviest sea losses since October, 141,314 tons, in week ending March 2nd. U.S. urges Spanish and Vichy governments show clemency for Spanish prisoners. Four killed, over twenty injured, in bombing of Istanbul hotel, presumably in attempt on life of George Rendel, British minister to Bulgaria.

Mar. 12th.—Churchill thanks U.S. for lease-lend bill, "new Magna Charta." Two enemy planes destroyed in heavy air raids over Britain; Buckingham Palace again damaged. Bombs dropped in Donegal. Greeks drive back strong Italian attack. Yugoslavia reported almost ready to accede to Nazi demands. Anzacs sent from England to Middle East.

Mar. 13th.—R.A.F. carries out intensive night and day attacks on Berlin, docks and airports from Norway to Boulogne; fires started at Kiel naval base; five aircraft missing. Sixteen Nazi planes brought down over Britain during large-scale attack, centering on Liverpool. R.A.F. carries out third successive raid on Rhodes. Admiralty warns straits at south of Red Sea "dangerous to navigation." Mussolini has been in Albania for week, says Athens report, directing assaults, all driven back by Greeks; Italian losses said over 10,000 killed, wounded and missing, besides 3,500 taken prisoner by Greeks. Greeks sink Italian submarine. Italian losses in East Africa in three weeks over 31,000; some Italian war prisoners to work on British farms.

Mar. 14th.—U.S. supplies already moving to Britain under lease-lend bill, says Stimson. Alexander warns Britain facing "most crucial stage" of war. British asks U.S. for merchant shipping. R.A.F. delivers smashing blow at Hamburg, sinks Nazi supply ship off Frisians, six planes lost. Liverpool, Glasgow, targets of very heavy Nazi air attack, 11 enemy planes destroyed. R.A.F. downs 14 Italian planes over Greece and Albania; continued Italian attacks unsuccessful.

Mar. 15th.—Four enemy planes downed in night attacks on Glasgow, Liverpool, London; two R.A.F. planes missing after raids on Ruhr objectives. Belgrade reports 100,000 British soldiers, equipment, landed in Greece; Canadian engineering unit at Gibraltar. Harriman, U.S. special representative on aid to Britain, reaches England. Nazis execute 15 Netherlanders. U.S. newspaper man arrested in Berlin, charged with espionage. American "total effort" to be devoted to "total victory", says Roosevelt in radio address; warns Americans sacrifices needed; pledges full aid to Britain and other democracies fighting "in the front line of civilization."

Mar. 16th.—Fresh Australian and New Zealand troops reaching Cairo; reports continue of British troops in Greece; net result Mussolini's personal efforts in Albania said by Athens 50,000 men lost. Hitler says no outside help can save Britain. British enterprise in U.S. sold, 90 per cent of proceeds to go to Government; value said upwards of \$100,000,000. Bevin calls for registration all civilians 41 to 45, for war industry; wages of

The St. Lawrence Waterways agreement between Canada and the U.S. was signed Wednesday. It requires ratification by a majority vote of Congress.

At a recent meeting of Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers in Winnipeg, J. H. Wesson of Regina was elected president and Lew Hutchinson, Duhamel, vice-president.

The wheat policy has been protested by the three prairie Wheat Pools; H. H. Hannam, President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, and E. D. Brunsden, Secretary of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture.

people in industrial training to be raised April 1st.

Mar. 17th.—British recapture Berbera, British Somaliland, taken by Italians last August. Rome report (stated may be Vatican) Britain has warned that if Athens is bombed, R.A.F. will attack Rome. German liner *Bremen* on fire, presumably resulting from R.A.F. raid. British Allied and neutral shipping losses in 18 months of war aggregate nearly 5,000,000 tons. Young British women to be drafted for war work, "from drawing-rooms and laundries," says Bevin. Thyssen, early supporter of Hitler who later opposed him, has been delivered over to Gestapo by Vichy government. Wendell Willkie may follow Wheeler through U.S. to counter isolationism.

Mar. 18th.—R.A.F. sinks large Nazi supply ship, attacks Nazi ports; one German plane shot down by anti-aircraft fire over Britain; London quiet. One thousand killed in last week's raids on Glasgow, Liverpool. Churchill announces destruction three Nazi U-boats; welcoming new U.S. ambassador, Winant, says Britain and U.S. will share in "solemn and splendid" duties after victory. U.S. informed German submarine on way to attack shipping along American coast. Yugoslavia, Italy, sign commercial treaty. Japanese envoy to visit Moscow en route to Berlin and Rome. British, allied and neutral shipping losses week ending March 9th, 98,000 tons. British output of aeroplanes in February reaches record.

Mar. 19th.—British take Jijiga, begin advance eastwards in attempt to surround Addis Ababa. R.A.F. starts fires at Kiel, batters Wilhelmshaven, oil storage tanks at Rotterdam. Nazis in destructive raid over Hull, one bomber destroyed. Arrival U.S. planes in Greece reported from Belgrade. Turkey extends martial law. Former premier of Yugoslavia reported exiled after attempt to seize power and join Axis. U.S. votes \$3,446,000,000 for navy.

To Gather Scrap Iron

WINNIPEG, March 19th. — Arrangements for all its elevator agents to act as collecting agents for scrap iron, in a drive under the slogan "Drop your scrap iron on Berlin", have been made by the North-West Line Elevators Association. Only expenses to farmers will be freight charges, and all proceeds will be turned over to the Patriotic Salvage Corps. Actual collections will take place between June 15th and July 15th.

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The Western Farm Leader LEGAL DEPARTMENT

By HON. J. E. BROWNLEE,
K.C., LL.D.

Replies to Enquiries

Adjustment of Debt

W.H.B.D.—If the Railway Company is your only creditor I think you can make a satisfactory adjustment without recourse to the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act. I would only advise an application under that Act if you have other substantial debts which you are unable to meet.

Landowner Owns Gravel

C.Y.—Gravel is not considered a mineral coming within the reservation of minerals to the Crown. I think there is no doubt the owner of the land in question owns the gravel and has the right to dispose of it.

No Law Violated

J.Z.—Your question does not raise a personal legal problem. However no law was broken or violated by any of the proceedings at the U.F.A. Convention.

Vendor Can Start Proceedings

J.H.—Your Agreement for Purchase was made in 1938. You do not therefore have the protection of either the Debt Adjustment Act which only applies to debts created prior to 1936, or the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act which applies to debts created before May, 1935. The Vendor therefore can commence proceedings in Court against you for the cancellation of your Agreement for Sale unless you comply with its terms and your only protection is such consideration as the Court may allow you. As the law now stands in this Province, I doubt if the Vendor could do very much if you delivered to him a one-third share of the crop less one year's taxes, but I think you would be running a risk if you did not do that much.

Eligibility for Pension

M.K.S.—An applicant for Old Age Pensions must show that he has resided in Canada for twenty years preceding the date of application and in the Province in which the application is made for five years preceding the date of application. If your parents now move to British Columbia they would have to live there for five years before becoming eligible for Old Age Pensions.

Money From Estate in U.S.A.

W.A.A.—There should be no difficulty in getting money from an estate in the United States of America where you are a beneficiary of that estate. The delay so far may be entirely due to the necessary proceedings in realizing the estate. If you do not receive any word within a reasonable time, you might arrange to have some solicitor here get in touch with solicitors in Florida to find out what the situation is.

Any paid-up subscriber of The Western Farm Leader may submit a legal question for answer in this department, free of charge. Replies will not be sent by mail. The subscription to the paper is \$1 per year.



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Shows Appreciation of Grave Character Our Wheat Problem

Solution "Cannot Be Postponed"
Is View Expressed by
British Publication

Showing a clear appreciation of the nature of the problem facing the Canadian wheatgrower, the solution of which it declares "cannot be postponed", The K-H News-Letter, (formerly published in London, but now temporarily in rural England), contains in its most recent issue to come to hand the following comments on Canadian affairs:

The Canadian Prime Minister has cheered British hearts by his recent pronouncements about the growing volume of assistance which the Dominion is giving to our cause. In almost every aspect, Canada's war effort is several months ahead of the schedule drawn up in collaboration with British leaders at the beginning of the war, and her effort is expected to reach its maximum by the autumn of this year.

Canada has already far surpassed the important contribution which she made in 1914-18, and in the Dominion, as in this country, popular opinion has tended to outstrip the Government in the demand that the nation's full resources should be thrown into the struggle. But behind this vast production of supplies and the training and equipping of men for the fighting services, Canada is faced with two serious problems, one economic, the other constitutional, for which a solution must be found.

The Glut of Wheat

The first of these problems is a glut of wheat. In 1940 the wheat crop was the second largest in the Dominion's history, amounting to some 550 million bushels, in addition to which Canada had an excessive carryover from the preceding year. The result is that she has greater stocks of wheat on her hand than at any time in her history, while her markets are drastically curtailed as the result of the war and a surplus in other wheat-producing countries. The export surplus (that is the total supply less domestic requirements and normal carry-over) of the four chief exporting countries for the year 1940-41 is estimated as follows: Canada 685 million bushels; U.S.A. 240 million bushels; Argentina 145 million bushels; Australia 135 million bushels. This enormous total of more than 1,200 million bushels amounts to twice the export trade of the preceding year.

Solution Cannot Be Postponed

While hundreds of millions of people in Europe and the Far East are facing a serious food shortage, Canada's great elevators are filled to capacity, and millions of bushels have had to be stored in community halls, skating rinks and other improvised storehouses throughout the Canadian west. In addition to the problem of storage, these enormous wheat supplies have raised the question of financing the farmers for whose grain no market can be found, and this problem is now causing a good deal of worry to the Dominion and Provincial governments and to the financial institutions. The solution of the problem cannot be postponed much longer.

It is to be hoped that some means may be found by which a considerable part of this wheat may one day be made available to the peoples of Europe when they have been rid of the Nazi scourge, and to the hungry millions of China, where, even in a normal year, in a great city like Shanghai some 40,000 human beings fall dead in the streets from starvation.

The K-H News-Letter then goes on to discuss the constitutional problem in Canada, in reference to the Rowell-Sirois report.)

Following an address by M. H. Ward, Cluny U.F.A. Local was re-organized recently.

"WE CANNOT LET OUR OWN BOYS DOWN"

Wheat, in Excess of Quota, Accepted in War Services Fund Campaign

Realizing that 50c wheat is unprofitable to the average farmer and that cash is a scarce article in rural areas at present, the Southern Alberta War Services Fund organization has made arrangements to take wheat above the farmer's quota by way of contributions.

Thousands of Alberta boys are in the Canadian army, navy and air force. You yourself may have a son, a relative or a friend therein.

For the purpose of bringing a measure of comfort, entertainment, education, sport and relaxation to these boys, six separate organizations are engaged in war services work. Their activities do not duplicate or conflict with each other.

The organizations are: the Canadian Legion, Salvation Army, Knights of Columbus, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A. and I.O.D.E. The funds required for this war work must be raised by public subscription, and the Canadian government is sponsoring a joint national drive for that purpose. \$5 1/2 million will be raised in Canada, and Alberta's share is \$240,000.

You can help by encouraging in your community an organized effort to collect wheat contributions. Such contributions will be accepted in any elevator where there is space and the cash ticket made out to the Canadian War Services Fund. The delivery of wheat for this purpose is permitted in excess of the quota of any farmer and need not be recorded on any permit book.

It is a big undertaking to raise this large sum for this purpose but "we cannot let our own boys down". If all join in the effort, success can be achieved.

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Interests of The United Farm Women

WOMEN, "COMMUNITY HOUSEKEEPING"

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Edgerton, Alberta.

Dear Farm Women:

I do hope you all heard J. B. Priestley's tribute to women the other night on the radio, or possibly it would be better to say I hope your husbands heard it. I felt it a minor tragedy in the family that mine did not, as he was on his way home from a neighbor's. As I told him when he arrived, I had been sitting here listening and waiting for the home-coming later of a very humble person!

Naturally, I agreed with much Mr. Priestley said, although I could not be quite as enthusiastic as he. I do not mean with reference to the work of the British women today—far from that. They have, as women so often have done in an emergency, shown undreamed of endurance and achievement, and as I said before, we cannot fail to pay them tribute for their bravery and cheerfulness and their willingness to work in any capacity where they can be of service.

How Much Is Our Fault?

I mean I cannot be quite as enthusiastic over what we do in our ordinary routine as citizens. If I remember correctly, Priestley said something to the effect that politics and economics were really a form of housekeeping at which women were proficient, and he spoke as if they were not given an opportunity to exercise their ability. To an extent that is so, but how much of the fault lies with us women?

For instance, the other day I had a letter from an old U.F.A. co-worker in which he commented on the municipal hospitals which came into being largely because of the U.F.A. It was, however, the intention of those early promoters of the idea, he said, that women should serve on the boards, but he felt that today they were more conspicuous by their absence than their presence and he asked "Why?"

Now there are probably more married nurses who have worked in hos-

pitals and are now living in these rural areas than there are men who have had hospital experience, so it is not a subject of which they are totally ignorant.

But where are these representatives to hospital boards elected? Is it not at the annual municipal meetings? How many women make a point of going to these meetings and taking an intelligent, working interest in them? How many attended your annual municipal meeting? To be sure it is another annual gathering which seems to prefer the worst time of year for meeting, but would a fine June day make a difference?

Community Housekeeping Duty

There are no doubt a larger number of women at the annual school meeting; mothers whose own Tommy or Mary may be directly affected by some regulation made. How many others attend as part of their community housekeeping duty? More do take part in the Provincial and Federal elections on that day, but the papers and radio have been full of the "game" for days, and although we may take a small part, we can at least play the part of good fans, so we go.

Despite the fact that women have the privilege of equal citizenship, have we taken on the responsibility as much as have the men? Do we think of other women as being equally well informed as men on these subjects and treat them as if they were? Or are we? Fortunately there are some who have served with distinction in most of our elective public bodies, and in addition there are those who have not achieved the lime-light but are steady, dependable, interested workers. However, if we women are fair, I think we may well take a goodly share of the blame that we fill so few positions in the Public Housekeeping world.

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But Finland's hope is dead. She cannot see,
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One of the schemes for raising funds adopted by Warden U.F.W.A., reports Mrs. R. Price, is to hold an auction at each meeting. No bid may be for more than 5 cents, but a bidder may make as many bids as she chooses. The successful bidder contributes an article for auction at the next meeting.

Farm Home and Garden

Your Herbaceous Border should have a southern exposure if possible, though a south-east or south-west is also good, states a Department of Agriculture bulletin. In our windy Province, protection from the prevailing west winds is essential. The soil should be deeply dug; the best method is to dig a trench, lay well rotted manure in the bottom, the top soil next, leaving the bottom soil for the top. This thorough preparation puts the soil in excellent condition to hold moisture. Planting in clumps of about three is recommended, tall plants at the back, of course, medium next, and low growing plants at the front. Annuals can be used to good advantage to fill gaps—clumps of gladioli are excellent for the middle places. After planting and watering, apply a liberal amount of rotted manure which will be worked into the soil by hoeing occasionally through the summer. In the fall, all old growth should be removed, and the soil dug and again top dressed with manure.

For Each Adult in your family you should provide, each week the following foods: 4 pints milk, 1/4 lb. cheese, 3/4 lb. butter; 4 lbs. potatoes, 5 lbs. fresh and canned vegetables, 1/4 lb. dried vegetables, 2 lbs. fresh fruit, 1/2 lb. dried fruit; 1-1/2 lbs. meat or

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Below the Safety Line

The idea entertained by many city dwellers that farmers have an ideal diet, being able to "pluck vitamins and minerals galore out of their gardens, off their trees and from their hen houses" is quite wrong so far as many American farm families are concerned, says *Consumers' Guide*, publication of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Nutritionists find, continues the article, that 25 out of every 100 farm families not on relief, get the kind of meals that are below the safety line. This is particularly true of the Southern States where cotton often grows "right up to the back door", leaving no room for even a small garden.

During recent years a concerted effort has been made by two U.S. Government agencies to remedy these conditions and raise the standard of farm diets—apart, of course, from other farm policies designed to raise farm incomes. Efforts of the two agencies in question have been to aid and encourage farmers to raise more foods for their own consumption on their own land.

Planning Family Food Supply

An extension service, operating in part through home demonstration clubs, and other societies, does educational work among women in nutrition, health and diet; how to plan the family food supply, grow it at home, and prepare it—canning for winter use. The other agency, the Farm Security Administration, provides small loans to families unable to borrow from other private or government sources. In the last five years, an average of \$500 per family has been loaned to 862,000 families, and expended upon equipment, seed, livestock, and buildings.

While "hundreds of thousands of farm families grow their own food supplies and have balanced diets on their tables because of the start they received at a home demonstration club meeting," the job is by no means done. The average diet of all farm families in the U.S., compared with that of families getting a good diet, has 25 per cent less milk; 15 per cent less butter; 30 per cent less eggs; 55 per cent less tomatoes and citrus fruit; 80 per cent less leafy green and yellow vegetables, and 10 per cent less poultry and meat.—A.T.S.

fish, 3 eggs; 2 loaves bread, 1 lb. flours and cereals. These are the recommendations of a booklet "Food for Health", prepared by the Canadian Medical Association. The foods included are low-cost foods; more meat and eggs may be used, but the quantities of dairy products, fruits and vegetables should not be reduced. At least half of the cereals and flour should be whole grain.

For Each Child of five to ten years, the same authority recommends the following weekly food: 4 quarts milk, 1/4 lb. cheese, 1/2 lb. butter; 3 lbs. potatoes, 3 lbs. fresh vegetables, 1/4 lb. dried vegetables, 1 lb. fresh fruit, 1/2 lb. dried fruit; 1 lb. meat or fish, 4 eggs; 2 loaves bread, and 1 lb. flour and cereals. A child of one to five years should have the same amount of milk and eggs, and half the quantities of other foods.

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• Junior Activities •

THE FARMER CARRIES ON

Mickey Noble's letter, which we publish below, does not deal directly with the question, "Should Farm Young People Stay on the Farm?" but we think it is very interesting and have decided to publish it. Mickey is 14 years old and is going to school at Vulcan, where he is in grade 9.

Berrywater, Alta.

Dear Editor:

Farmers get much fresh air hauling feed in winter time, no matter how cold or stormy the day may be. In summer by sitting on an engine, which gives off much heat, the sun shining overhead giving a beautiful tan. But it is soon cooled off when a dust or hail storm comes up. What a relief from the heat, and the air is ever so cool!

In the line of sport; in the slack time, by getting out at day-break gives an hour or two more Saturday evening for ball practice, or to go to town.

During seeding and harvest, the engine goes all night to get through before Mother Nature puts a brake on things. Then you overhaul and repair. Money is such a scarce article that we sell the cream and put skim milk in the tea, to buy a pair of shoes at \$6, getting \$1 to \$3 a hide (it depends on the year). Money is allowed to flow smoothly among the masses at times, then again put back in the bowels of the earth securely sealed and locked.

More Wheat, Lower Prices

When the wheat rolls into the elevator, watch collectors scatter about telling the farmer what terrible thing will happen to him if ??? The taxes must be paid or ? Through worry the farmer cannot sleep nor eat, so works harder than ever. The more wheat the lower the prices. When he can no longer "Carry On", another farmer takes his land and by going day and night over much land is (maybe) able to make his payments. By the time his implement is paid for it must be replaced, it has worn well considering acreage covered.

As a benefit to humanity we must not let "farm produce" rise above a certain figure. For the poor we have with us always. When money is scarce, produce must go down to meet the size of an empty pocket-book. Taxes must be increased to meet relief demands.

In the past high-school education prepared you for university (where one farm boy in every thousand attended). The rest took their French and Latin back to the farm, keeping books and accounts in business-like manner.

Yes! and the farmer is patriotic, no matter where the tax is put he eventually "pays the piper" and "CARRIES ON! CARRIES ON!"

Yours sincerely,

MICKEY NOBLE.

In response to the Red Cross S.O.S. for mitts, Jenny Lind U.F.W.A. workers laid aside sweaters and other work and concentrated for several weeks on knitting mitts.

A shipment of wool, for blankets, was contributed to the Red Cross by Arrowwood U.F.W.A.

For several winter meetings, hostesses to Hazel Bluff U.F.W.A. (Westlock) have invited the members to dinner, so the meetings get under way early in the afternoon, writes Mrs. J. E. Hammond.

During the month of February, Spring Valley U.F.W.A. members made or donated 34 articles to the Red Cross, including 22 pairs of mitts and 4 sweaters.

Progressive U.F.W.A., writes Mrs. B. Crooker, secretary, have limited lunches to one kind each of cake and sandwiches.

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Clover Bar Progressives, Junior U.F.A. Local, decided at their last meeting to send for six copies of the "Farm Cost Record" contest.

Warner Junior U.F.A. was organized by William Runte earlier in the season; Irvine Doenz and Patricia Reynolds are the officers.

Howard Flickinger and June Carlson are officers of a new Junior U.F.A. organized at Skiff by William Runte. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Eshom are the supervisors.

Wilton Park Junior U.F.A. has been organized near Calmar, with Andrew Koziol and Eva Popowich elected as president and secretary. William Runte was the organizer.



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**Report Great Interest
Shown in Co-operative
Farm Implements Plan**

Widespread interest has been shown by the farm people at a large number of meetings in Alberta to consider the co-operative buying of farm implements, through Co-operative, Implements, Ltd., Norman F. Priestley, Alberta Vice-President of the Co-operative, stated on his return to Calgary from meetings addressed by George E. Church and himself.

Started Early March

Early in March they attended meetings at Edmonton-Wetaskiwin and Ponoka, when under the auspices of the Alberta Co-operative Wholesale and local farm co-operatives, three speakers from Saskatchewan dealt with the form of organization now being effected in Saskatchewan and Manitoba under the new company. They were H. L. Fowler, president of the C.C.I.L., James McCaig, president Saskatchewan Co-operative Wholesale, J. Adams, secretary Kindersley-Rose-town C.C.I.L. Co-operative. Committees of three farmers at each of these meetings was set up and will be called together by Edward Peterson, Wetaskiwin, one of the directors of the C.C.I.L.

Messrs. Priestley and Church later addressed a rally of six U.F.A. Locals at Drumheller; a meeting of Airdrie U.F.A. and meeting of 55 farmers at Rocky Coulee school, the last named being the first of a series mainly on U.F.A. organization and co-operative buying of farm implements to be held in the Lethbridge district in the near future. Another meeting was held at South Macleod. Rally of U.F.A. Locals in area east of Lethbridge will be held on Tuesday evening, April 1st, at Readymeade School.

Full Discussion First

It is believed on the part of officials of the farm movement in Alberta, states Mr. Priestley, that time must be taken for securing information and full discussion of the problems involved, before any attempt is made in this Province to solicit share capital and set up the district co-operative associations which are necessary for the control of C.C.I.L. and the handling of implements in Alberta. Last reports from Saskatchewan indicate that in Saskatchewan and Manitoba over \$70,000.00 has been subscribed in share capital. Officials state this is a good beginning, but much work must be done before the organization is definitely launched into business.

Federation Notes

By E. W. BRUNSDEN, Secretary,
Alberta Federation of Agriculture.

When the annual meeting of the Alberta Co-operative Council was held in Red Deer last July, and the constitution was widened to permit memberships of farm organizations other than those of a strictly co-operative nature, the membership total stood at 18 organizations.

There are now 41 organizations affiliated with the Alberta Federation and it is anticipated several others will join shortly since the question has been before annual meetings of their members.

The presentation made to the Prime Minister of Canada and members of his Cabinet at Ottawa, January 27th, by a delegation representing the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, on which this Province was adequately represented, has been published in pamphlet form entitled, "Manifesto of the Canadian Farmer". This booklet is available for distribution, and copies may be had by sending a card to the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, 525 Lougheed Building, Calgary.

Alberta agriculture will have three representatives on the Alberta division of the Western Canadian Food Distribution Council, organized at a meeting in Calgary on February 24th. Secretary of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture was elected as vice-chairman of the Western Canadian body at the meeting in question. The Council will undertake a study into the economic position of Western Canada's farmers at a meeting to be held within the next few weeks at Saskatoon. George Bickerton, president of the United Farmers of Canada (Saskatchewan section), in collaboration with officers of the Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia Federations of Agriculture, is responsible for preparing the case.

Endorsing the Canadian War Services Fund campaign, which begins on Monday next, March 24th, the Governor-General accepted the invitation to himself and to Princess Alice to be patrons of the fund. The combined appeal seeks to raise \$5,500,000 to carry on war services of the Canadian Legion, Salvation Army, Knights of Columbus, Y.M.C.A., I.O.D.E. and Y.W.C.A.

World Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT
Superintendent of Publicity
Alberta Wheat Pool

The Canadian visible supply of wheat on March 14th totalled 486,395,125 bushels. A fairly substantial flow of wheat into export channels was reported, but the season's total export is 20 million bushels behind last year's figures. Not including exports of wheat flour and shipments to the United States, Canada has exported 73.5 million bushels of wheat in the first 32 weeks of the current crop year, which commenced August 1st, 1940.

Movement From Farms

The movement of wheat from the farms has been continuing in substantial volume. Last week the total reached close to five million bushels, and the aggregate for the season reached 330.5 million bushels. The small volume of exports and heavy primary deliveries keeps the visible figures high.

The Canadian Government has decided to limit deliveries of wheat from the 1941 crop to 230 million bushels. The price will revert to 70c a bushel, basis One Northern at the terminal, on August 1st. The farmers should see that their surplus wheat is delivered by that date. Farm storage will be paid on the new crop on the same basis as on the 1940 crop, namely 1c for every 45 days.

U.S. Wheat Prices

United States wheat prices continue fairly strong, which is somewhat surprising in view of the anticipated record-breaking carryover at the year-end. (380 million bushels), and the excellent prospects for the 1941 winter wheat crop.

Spring weather has come to Europe, and the damage to the winter wheat crop will soon be ascertainable. It is surprising to note Broomhall's statement that the European wheat acreage is several million acres larger than last year. Nevertheless, the European crop will be small because of the bad winter weather.

Argentina is pushing exports and is sending substantial quantities of wheat to Britain and Spain.

The entire wheat situation in Canada and in all the exporting countries is in a bad mess. No real solution may be expected until the war ends.

Dairy Market

Prices have advanced to the full extent of the pegged price and Montreal is quoted at 35, Toronto 35 and Winnipeg 33. Local first grade prints are 34c and special grade butterfat 32c. Creamery butter on hand at March 1, 1941, is given at 18,415,000 pounds as compared with 23,368,000 pounds last year leaving a shortage of stock on hand of about 5,000,000 pounds at present. Production, on the other hand, is considerably up in Alberta, showing an increase of 19.3 per cent for the week ending March 1 and Ontario production was up 1.48 per cent for the same week.

Nelson S. Smith, former U.F.A. member for the Provincial constituency of Olds, was fatally hurt last week in a highway mishap, and died on Saturday.

The Alberta Legislature last week voted down a resolution proposing re-convening of the Rowell-Sirois conference.

Enlarge Store

It has been found necessary to enlarge the U.F.A. Co-operative store in Calgary which was opened only last August. The partition at the back of the store has been moved back 36 feet, giving an additional 1,152 square feet of floor space. This, the management states, will permit of greater departmentalization and more adequate display of the various lines handled by the store.

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Mar. 19th.—The market has been slow with prices slightly lower. Good butcher steers are \$8 to \$8.50, common to medium \$6.75 to \$7.75; good heifers \$7.50 to \$8, common to medium \$6.25 to \$7.50; medium good fed calves \$7.75 to \$8.50, top \$8.75; good cows \$5.75 to \$6.50, common to medium \$3.25 to \$5.50; canners and cutters \$2.50 to \$3.25. Good bulls are \$5.50 to \$6, common to medium \$4 to \$5; good choice vealers \$9.50 to \$10, common to medium \$6 to \$9; common good stocker and feeder steers \$6 to \$7.75. Hogs are \$10.10 to \$10.20 B1 at yards and plants.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Mar. 19th.—Trading has been slow with steady to a little lower prices. Good to choice fed calves are \$7.75 to \$8.50; good to choice steers \$7.75 to \$8.50, common to medium \$4.50 to \$7.50; good to choice heifers \$7 to \$7.75, common to medium \$3.50 to \$6.75. Good cows are \$5 to \$6, common to medium \$3 to \$4.75; canners and cutters \$3 down; good bulls \$5 to \$5.50. Good feeder steers are \$6.50 to \$7.50, heifers \$6 down and cows \$4.75 down; good to choice heavyweight calves \$9 to \$10. Hogs are steady at \$7.75 liveweight, \$10.10 dressed at plants with good to choice heavyweight lambs \$9 to \$9.50, heavyweight sheep \$7.50 down and ewes \$4.50 down.

Validity of an act passed by the Legislature on Friday last, to suspend for sixty days legal proceedings challenging the constitutionality of the Debt Adjustment Act, will be reviewed by the Alberta Appeal Court on March 26th. On Saturday the Debt Adjustment Act was declared *ultra vires* by the Supreme Court of Alberta, Mr. Justice O'Connor ruling that it invaded the field of insolvency already fully occupied by the Bankruptcy Act and the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act.

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PROTEST WHEAT POLICY

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will pay \$2 an acre as soon as possible after July 1st, 1942, provided the same land is in grass or/and clover, or rye, on that date.

"The above is taken from *Hansard*, and should be kept for reference in case you may require the information in the future.

Insufficient for Bare Requirements

"This policy is in my judgment insufficient to meet even the bare economic requirements of Western Agriculture. Realizing the importance of an adequate wheat policy for the West, I have called a meeting of the U.F.A. Executive for Friday of this week. I am sure that the Executive will be able to make suggestions to the Government that if carried into effect will provide a wheat policy that will be more in keeping with the necessities of Western Agriculture at this time. The failure of our industry to obtain better consideration from the Government is undoubtedly due to the fact that the farm people in Canada are not today well organized."

Alberta Pool President

Pointing out that the low price of 70 cents, basis No. 1, Fort William, means an average net of 48 cents a bushel for Alberta farmers, Lew Hutchinson, chairman of the Alberta Wheat Pool, said:

"The Wheat Pools contend that if an arbitrary reduction of deliveries is put into effect the price should be raised to a reasonable level. They

Correspondence

WHEAT POLICY

Coutts, Alberta.

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

I wish to express my attitude toward the 1941 wheat plan. I assume that I am only saying what has already been said, but if the papers have stated the case rightly I cannot understand why the proposed plan was announced.

I happen to have had 345 acres in crop in 1940 and to have fallowed 285 acres. Apparently the plan proposes that I should seed 65 per cent of 345 acres or 224 acres. Then if I fallow 345 acres I may get a bonus of \$4 per acre on 60 acres (the excess of 345 over 285). I know a number of farmers who seeded 640 acres in 1940 and who fallowed none. Apparently they would have a decided advantage

do not by any means consider 70 cents a reasonable level. The great mass of Western farmers cannot possibly make a decent living with wheat at such a price."

The proposal to bonus curtailment of acreage by paying \$4 for each wheat acre over last year's prepared wheat acreage, which is summer-fallowed, Mr. Hutchinson considered a good one; and he favored the bonus-ing of coarse grains production over last year's acreage and also the seeding of grass. "Admittedly," he stated, "our wheat acreage is entirely too large for the available market"; and he expressed the belief that the Wheat Board might be caused difficulty by the failure to raise the price at least 6 cents, since there are many millions of bushels still to be delivered from the 1940 crop. He pointed out that "the price of that wheat plus the farm storage will be 76 cents, and there will be a great rush to have it delivered before July 31st, when the price reverts to 70 cents."

U.G.G. President's View

R. S. Law, President of United Grain Growers Limited, said:

"Our Company, in its study of the difficulties of the present situation, had realized that limitation of farmers' wheat delivery from the 1941 crop was inevitable, and we had recommended, on that account, that there should be an increase in the basic Wheat Board price. There will be disappointment that the Government did not consider it practicable to make an increase such as we recommended.

"Deliveries of 230,000,000 bushels of wheat at the basic Wheat Board price of 70 cents a bushel, out of which the farmer receives an average of about 50 cents a bushel, will result in a wheat income of about \$115,000,000 from the new wheat crop. That is the smallest wheat income Western Canada has had for many years.

"To some extent, but only to a limited extent, the deficiency in Western agricultural income will be made up by an increased income from other sources, including the new bonuses provided for. In total revenue to the West these bonuses may amount to as much as would have resulted from an increase of from 10 to 15 cents a bushel in the basic Wheat Board price. There will be great variation, however, in the degree to which different farmers are able to take advantage of these bonuses, which to some farmers and in some areas will be comparatively valueless. Particularly for this reason we must express disappointment with the decision on price.

"The application of 1940 wheat acreage, instead of that to be seeded in 1941, to the quota arrangements which are to be worked out, would appear to be satisfactory.

"Undoubtedly there will be a considerable decrease in wheat acreage, and an increase in acreage devoted to oats and barley. In turn that will probably lead to an increased production of livestock, dairy products and poultry in the West.

"The marketing of these products may have important repercussions in other parts of Canada."

Argentina Fixes Prices

Beef prices fixed by the Argentine Government in January are the equivalent of \$3.78 per 100 lbs. for first grade chiller steers, \$3.42 for second grade; \$3.22 for B grade frozen steers, \$3 for continental type; \$2.70 for canner steers (Central) and \$2.36 for canner steers (regional). Contracts for the sale of canned beef to the British Government make the present export market favorable.

under the plan as it is published.

Should the plan have been correctly stated, I should like to suggest that it would meet the objective of plan were it to pay the bonus for fallow on the excess fallowed over about 1/3 of the land cultivated. Also a farmer in the wheat districts should not be expected to seed less than 50 per cent of his cultivated land. In irrigated districts and possibly in other districts this would be too low a portion to seed.

I am not claiming to have either a well thought out plan or protest. I do wish to suggest that a plan be proposed by someone who understands farming methods and farming organization.

Yours truly,
G. D. MARTIN.

LEGION TAKES ACTION

Medicine Hat, Alta.

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

Your editorial headed "Who Is Right?" in your issue of February 7th, has aroused great interest amongst our membership, having been brought to their attention at a monthly meeting held on February 27th. The strongest exception was taken to the alleged statements of Senator Meighen, and a very strong resolution was drafted and has been forwarded to the Prime Minister, with copies to the different Parliamentary Leaders, our Dominion and Provincial officers, etc.

Yours very truly,
W. J. HARPER.

Secretary-Treasurer, Medicine Hat Branch No. 17, Canadian Legion of the British Empire.

The resolution, of which Mr. Harper enclosed a copy, quoted from statements made by Senator Meighen in the Senate and at a meeting of the Federation for Community Service in Toronto, as given in *The Leader*. By these statements, the resolution declared in part, "Senator Meighen has demonstrated his unfitness to hold office in the Upper House of the Canadian Parliament."

Stress Need for "All Out" Effort

The Medicine Hat branch of the Legion also earnestly requested appointment of a special committee by the Dominion Government, "comprising men of all political parties, to investigate alleged delay in connection with the output of essential war materials in the shape of aeroplanes, guns, etc." It also reaffirmed the resolution adopted by the Dominion Convention of the Legion in 1932, urging that in event of war Canada's "entire man-power, wealth, natural resources, public utilities, business, and industrial institutions," be conscripted, in order that "the profit may be taken out of war, and the entire citizenship may be moved by a common incentive."

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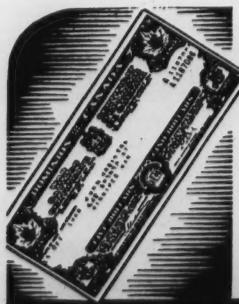
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MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

News dispatch says that Mussolini is keeping the Italian people in the dark. Ah, Rome-in the gloamin', what.

Ald. Rose Wilkinson of Calgary wants reporters barred from Relief Committee meetings. And what a relief that would be for some aldermen we could name.

Speaking of rioting in Holland, J.T.M. rises to remark that one of these days the Nazis will find themselves in Dutch.

Yep, and though the invaders have wrecked the Dutch bulb fields, the flower of that nation still flourishes.

BEET THIS ONE

"Baker Heads Beet Growers"—headline. Now all that is needed is for a Beet grower to head the Bakers.

According to the papers, the United States has frozen Bulgarian funds. That doesn't matter much. The Rome-Berlin-Tokio Axis had already put the country on ice.

"Troops Learn Bridge Game"—headline. And that may explain why the R.A.F. is continually trumping Hitler's aces.

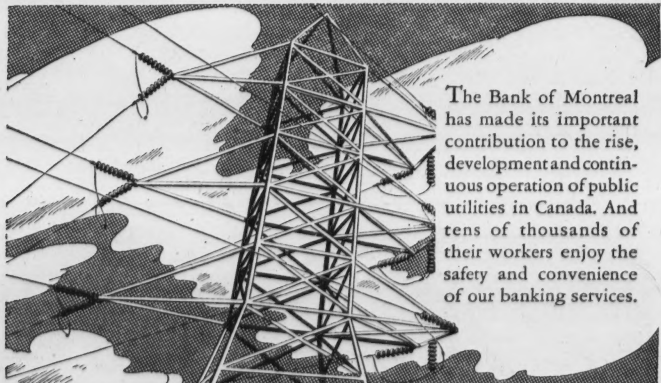
GOSH! IS THAT ALL

"The bride has chosen as her going away costume a smart black hat."—*Atlantic City Press*. And little as that is it is enough to cause a lot of trouble.

Dorothy Dix says that 30 is the perfect age for a happy marriage. Yep, but the trouble is that the sweet young things won't admit they're the perfect age.

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noted scientist, "pinpricks travel slowly
to the brain." He'll probably
change his ideas if he ever sits on a
tack.

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listen—
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refrain.

The song she sang was just a lullaby,
A drowsy little tune of her own
making;
And, suddenly, without quite knowing
why,
I found tears in my eyes; my heart
was breaking.

Could I but be a happy woman singing,
Though lowly all my homely tasks
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My life would seem so beautiful to
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Sometimes, says the Bad Egg from
Crow's Nest, it's hard to tell whether
fools make money or money makes
fools.

ISN'T THIS TERRIBLE

Communication from Mister Gloom
declares that the price of liquor in
Alberta, compared with other Pro-
vinces, is so high he feels in-TAX-icated
by merely smelling a cork.

Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp,
tells us that a man with a past is
only interesting when a girl can be
sure it is past.

Incidentally, we may add, Goldi-
locks is not interested in this column.

SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

Mary of Carbon says that next
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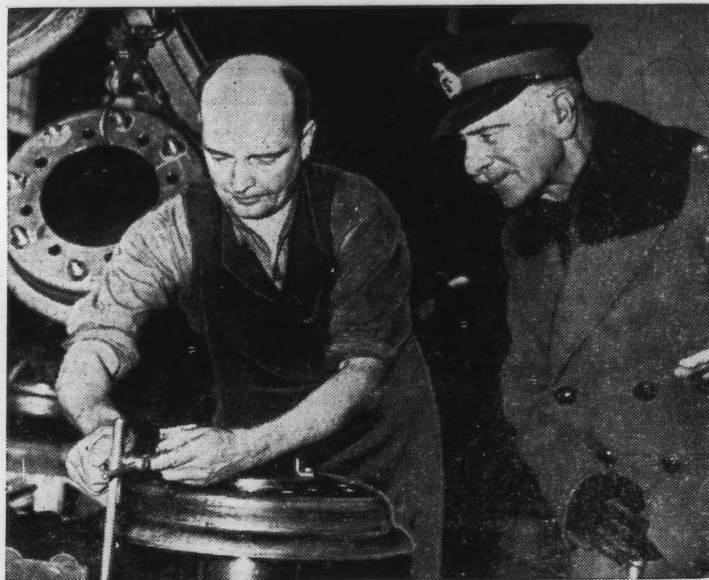
Wartime Scenes---Canada and an Empire Frontier

Governor-General and Princess Study Canada at War



Canada's new Governor-General, the Earl of Athlone, and H.R.H. Princess Alice, are rapidly making themselves familiar with many aspects of the life of our people in war-time. In the picture, left, Princess Alice is seen during a recent visit to Toronto, where a group of tiny children, some of them evacuated from Britain since the

bombings began, smiled and curtsied as she talked to them. As the older war guest came forward to shake hands with the Princess, one or two of the smaller children mimicked their elders. The Governor-General is shown, right, during a visit to the plant of General Motors at Oshawa, where gun tractors and military vehicles are made.



The Earl watches David Nothhaft, inspector on the assembly line, apply a gauge. During this visit the Princess, who accompanied the Governor, sent 15,000 lbs. of pressure down on a piece of steel by pressing a button, and later examined with interest the finished product.

Manpower from India Swells Anti-Nazi Armed Forces



Troops from India have already played an important role in the fighting in Africa. They are taking part in the campaign which is sealing the doom of Mussolini's East African Empire, after giving fine service in Libya. Some may be available to assist in meeting Hitler's challenge in the Near East; and if the spotlight of conflict is turned to the Far East, large numbers

may participate there. Burma, a former Province of India, borders on Thailand and French Indo-China. Malaya, Singapore and the Netherlands East Indies are not far away.

The peace-time strength of the Indian army, excluding British troops, is 160,000 men. This number is being expanded to 500,000, and more than 100,000 recruits have already been trained, while additions are

being made at the rate of 12,000 to 15,000 per month. Some 60,000 are serving overseas in the United Kingdom, Middle East, Aden and Malaya. Many of the best warriors come from India's northwest frontier, extending up to the Khyber pass, (above), which is shown patrolled by British tanks. British forces are there, and Indians, many of them under British officers.